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Mortality, May 25–August 31, 1905.

The inclosed mortality report was taken from the records of the town council and furnished to the Service by the secretary, who has received orders from the president of the board of health to furnish this office with a monthly report of the deaths occurring in the port and vicinity. The mayor has also issued the same order. The report is practically correct, the only possible omissions being deaths occurring among the soldiers and which may not have been reported to the authorities by the army surgeon.

As the death rate from yellow fever as reported from this office is a little lower than the mortality report, it is presumed that the missing cases were those found by the police after death and turned in as the police report, the patients—natives—having received no medical attention and their death certificates not being signed by any physician.

Causes of death: Apoplexy, 1; alcoholism, 1; accidental, 1; bronchitis, 1; child-birth, 1; dropsy, 5; diarrhea, 3; dysentery, 2; malarial fever, remittent, 2; paralysis, 2; pernicious fever, 5; tuberculosis, 3; worms, 6; yellow fever, 50, including 5 from cienigita; valvular disease of the heart (aortic), 1.

INDIA.

Reports from Calcutta—Transactions of Service—Cholera and plague mortality—Cholera epidemic in Madras.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, August 24, as follows:

During the week ended August 19, 1905, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Seminole*, bound for Boston and New York, with a total crew of 95. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines, and lascars' effects disinfected.

During the week named there were 21 deaths from cholera and 12 deaths from plague in Calcutta.

In Bengal during the week ended August 12, 1905, there were 58 cases and 38 deaths from plague. In India during the same week there were 2,051 cases and 1,372 deaths from plague.

Cholera epidemic in Madras.

The cholera epidemic in Madras continues unabated, the daily returns being still very high. It is reported that outbreaks have occurred in both the general hospital and government lunatic asylum. Last week the death rate was over 125 per thousand. A number of schools and colleges in the city are closed.